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12-26-72

TO: SACS, WASHINGTON FIELD - ENG. (4) (BSM)
ALEXANDRIA

FROM: FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
W. MARK FELT
ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

RICHARD MC GARP HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED 1-2-73,
WITHOUT FAIL.

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF
HELMS, WHO IS PRESENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, FOR PRESIDENTIAL
APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT STATED.

PRESS HAS INDICATED POSITION POSSIBLY AMBASSADOR TO
IRAN. BUREAU PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED APPLICANT TYPE INVESTIGATION
OF HELMS IN MARCH, 1953. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND
DATA.

ALEXANDRIA IMMEDIATELY ADVISE HELMS OF THIS INVESTIGATION
AND OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND DATA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH, 1953,
INCLUDING IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF ALL CLOSE RELATIVES AND
SET OUT LEADS AT ONCE. NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IS TO BE
CONDUCTED WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS IMPERATIVE BUDED
BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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NOTE: Request received today from White House.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable
L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Gray:

Mr. Richard Helms, born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, is under consideration for a Presidential appointment which requires a current investigation. It is requested, therefore, that appropriate investigation be conducted and the results forwarded to the Office of Security.

It is understood that, in accordance with the agreement between the White House and the FBI, this investigation will be completed within two weeks of this request.

Sincerely yours,

G. Marvin Gentile

G. Marvin Gentile
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Security

Teletype to
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MEMORANDUM

PLEASE EXPEDITE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1972

TO: Robert H. Haynes, FBI
FROM: Alexander P. Butterfield
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name HELMS, Richard *McLaurin*

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Present Address: Presently Director of CIA

We Request: _____ Copy of Previous Report

X Name Check & IRS

_____ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

_____ White House Staff Position

X Presidential Appointment

_____ Position with another Agency

Attachments:

_____ SF 86 (in duplicate)

_____ SF 87, Fingerprint Card

_____ Biography

REMARKS: Sorry we do not have any additional information.

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: JANE DANNENHAUER

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1245PM URGENT 1-2-73 NJA

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWO, INSTANT,
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, DECEMBER TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTY-TWO.

HELMS BORN MARCH THIRTY, NINETEEN THIRTEEN, SAINT DAVID'S, PA.,
RESIDES IRENE APARTMENTS, FOUR SEVEN ZERO ONE WILLARD AVENUE, CHEVY
CHASE, MARYLAND, PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT WASHINGTON CLUB, FIFTEEN
DUPONT CIRCLE, WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) SINCE NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN, WAS DEPUTY
DIRECTOR FROM NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX TO NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX, AND
DIRECTOR FROM NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX TO PRESENT. HELMS PRESENT
WIFE IS [REDACTED] WHO HE MARRIED IN NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE.
HIS EX-WIFE IS JULIA BRETZMAN SHIELDS WHO HE DIVORCED IN NINETEEN
SIXTY-EIGHT.

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HELMS KNOWN TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

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To: SAC, Washington Field
From: For the Acting Director, FBI
W. Mark Felt
Acting Associate Director

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS
Special Inquiry
Ruded: 1/2/73

Re Butel, 12/26/72. Bureau files contain information recorded 10/69 indicating Ray S. Cline, Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State and CIA Director Helms reportedly have been rivals throughout the years. Cline was born on 6/14/18 in Illinois and has had various foreign assignments with CIA.

Locate and obtain Cline's comments concerning Helms.

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6:21 PM NITEL 12/29/72 DKL

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

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FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P) 1P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS. SPI. BUDED: 1/2/73 WOF.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE 12/26/72.

(S) [REDACTED] ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL
SECURITY, CIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HELMS ON LEAVE, OUT OF TOWN,
AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL 1/8/73.

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(S) [REDACTED] DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, CIA, ALSO
ADVISED THIS DATE ONLY INDIVIDUALS, OTHER THAN HELMS AND
HIMSELF, HAVING ACCESS TO BACKGROUND DATA REQUESTED IN
REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE WOULD BE HOWARD OSBORN, DIRECTOR,

(S) OFFICE OF SECURITY, CIA, AND [REDACTED] HELMS'

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(S) PERSONAL SECRETARY [REDACTED] STATED OSBORN PRESENTLY ON LEAVE

(S) UNTIL 1/2/73, OUT OF AREA, AND [REDACTED] ON SICK LEAVE BUT
HAS INDICATED SHE WILL RETURN TO WORK 1/2/73.

NOT RECORDED

(S) ALEXANDRIA WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT OSBORN AND/OR MRS. **12 FEB 6 1973**

[REDACTED] UPON THEIR RETURN, OBTAIN NECESSARY INFORMATION,
ADVISE BUREAU, AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

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Mr. Neenan	_____

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS. SPI BUDED: 1/2/73 WOF

MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1246

MR. HOWARD J. OSBORN, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SECURITY,
CIA, ADVISED THIS DATE OF THE FOLLOWING:

HELMS, BORN MARCH THIRTY NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN, ST. DAVIDS,
PA., HAS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER THREE ONE SEVEN DASH ZERO ONE DASH
SIX TWO NINE TWO. HE MARRIED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON DECEMBER FIFTEENTH NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT IN
SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. HE DIVORCED JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS ON SEPTEMBER
EIGHT NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY EIGHT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. APPOINTEE'S

[REDACTED] WAS BORN [REDACTED]

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HELMS' FORMER RESIDENCE WERE FURNISHED AS FOLLOWS: FEB 6 1973

FROM MARCH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX THROUGH JANUARY,
NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AS FOUR ONE ZERO FIVE BRADLEY LANE, CHEVY CHASE,
MARYLAND. FROM JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT
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(MONTH NOT KNOWN) AS THREE NINE ZERO ONE FESSENDEN ST., N
W. WASHINGTON, D.C. NOTE DURING SEPARATION FROM FIRST WIFE JULIA
BRETZMAN HELMS IN JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL SECOND MARRIAGE
IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, APPOINTEE LIVED AT CHEVY CHASE
COUNTRY CLUB, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND. HELMS ALSO HAS SUMMER HOME IN
LEWIS, DELAWARE.

HELMS WAS APPOINTED IN NINETEEN SIXTY TWO AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF PLANS, CIA; IN APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR,

CIA AND NOMINATED ON JUNE EIGHTEENTH, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX AS DIRECTOR
OF CIA AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY CONGRESS.

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HE RESIDES IN NEW YORK CITY. NEW YORK ASCERTAIN RESIDENCE, VERIFY
AND CONDUCT POLICE DEPARTMENT CHECK.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF APPOINTEE'S KNOWN CLOSE ASSOCIATES, ALL IN
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JOHN GARDNER, EDITOR OF COMMON CAUSE; ELLIOTT RICHARDSON, SECRETARY
OF HEW; WILLIAM ROGERS, SECRETARY OF STATE; SENATORS JOHN C. STENNIS
AND STUART SYMINGTON.

ALL OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR
BOSTON

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FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P) 2 PAGES
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWO, INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED 12-26-72.

WHITE HOUSE REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF HELMS WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR TO IRAN. HELMS BORN MARCH 30, 1913, ST. DAVID'S, PA., HAS BEEN WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SINCE 1947 AND HAS BEEN DIRECTOR SINCE 1966. THE FOLLOWING ARE ASSOCIATES OF HELMS: POTTER STEWART, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, U.S. SUPREME COURT, WASHINGTON, D.C.; U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, 1201 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.;

SENATOR MILTON R. YOUNG (NORTH DAKOTA), THREE ZERO ZERO ONE VEAZEY TERRACE, WASHINGTON, D.D.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Tele. Room
Mr. Holmes
Miss Gandy

MR. [unclear]
ROOM 1

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MARGARET CHASE SMITH (FORMER REPUBLICAN SENATOR FOR MAINE), SKOWHEGAN, MAINE; WILLIAM ROYALL TYLER, DIRECTOR, DUMBARTON OAKS, RESEARCH LIBRARY, 1703 THIRTY-SECOND STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.;

CONGRESSMAN JAMES ROBERT MANN OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C., HOME 118 WEST MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE, GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA.; WILLIAM STEEN GAUD, FORMER ADMINISTRATOR, AID, 4926 ROCKWOOD PARKWAY, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ALL OFFICES CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION AND SUTEL RESULTS TO BUREAU. NO LEAD BEING SENT TO COLUMBIA TO INTERVIEW CONGRESSMAN MANN AND WFO DIRECTED TO DO SO IF HE IS NOT IN THE AREA AT THIS TIME.

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9:45PM URGENT 1/2/73 FXP

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI 161-967 2P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO MIAMI DATED 1/2/73.

NAPLES, FLA.,

ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE

IN MARCH, 1946, WHEN [REDACTED] BECAME AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP, PREDECESSOR TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

AGENCY, CIA. MR. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE WORKED AS AS ASSOCIATE

AND SUBORDINATE TO MR. HELMS FROM THAT TIME UNTIL [REDACTED]

RETIRED FROM CIA IN FEBRUARY, 1971.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING BUT THE HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION FOR MR. HELMS, CONSIDERING HIM TO BE ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM HE HAS HAD CONTACT. HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY HIGH U.S. GOVERNMENT

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POSITION WITHOUT RESERVATIONS.

(S) MR. [] STATED THAT HE KNOWS OF NUMEROUS ASSOCIATES
OF MR. HELMS, ALL OF WHOM WORKED WITH HIM IN CIA, BUT
THAT OFFHAND HE COULD NOT SUGGEST ANYONE WHO WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY FAMILIAR WITH HELMS.

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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Cleveland	_____
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P) 1P

ME. MARTIN
ROOM 1246

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED JANUARY TWO,
INSTANT.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER TWENTY-NINE, NINETEEN
SEVENTY-TWO.

GENERAL ROBERT E. CUSHMAN, U.S. MARINE CORPS, WAS INTERVIEWED
AT U. S. MARINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS ON JANUARY TWO, INSTANT, AND
ADVISED THAT HE HAD SERVED UNDER RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS UNTIL
DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS
SEEN HELMS ON APPROXIMATELY SIX OCCASIONS, ALL SOCIAL, AND HE
HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HELMS FOR THE POSITION OF AMBASSADOR. HE FELT
HELMS WAS AN IDEAL CHOICE.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

ALEXANDRIA (161-1886)

FROM LOS ANGELES (161-2281) (RUC) 2P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPI. BUDED 1/2/73.

business executive,
JOHN A. MC CONE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF CIA, RESIDENCE

1100 OAK GROVE, SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED AT PLACE OF
EMPLOYMENT, JOSHUA HANDY CORP., 612 S. FLOWER ST., LOS ANGELES.
HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FIFTEEN YEARS, RECALLING APPOINTEE WAS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIA AND FORMER DEPARTMENT HEAD. APPOINTEE
HAS BEEN EXCELLENT SENIOR MEMBER OF CIA FOR GREAT NUMBER OF
YEARS. HE COMMANDS THE RESPECT OF DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF CURRENT ADMINISTRATION AND PRIOR
ADMINISTRATIONS. APPOINTEE IS VERY TEMPERATE IN HABITS AND
VERY PARTICULAR CONCERNING HIS PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS
ASSOCIATIONS. IN MC CONE'S OPINION APPOINTEE IS TOTALLY
RESPONSIBLE CONCERNING SECURITY MATTERS. HIGHEST RESPECT FOR
THE APPOINTEE'S INTELLIGENCE AND INTEGRITY. APPOINTEE OF
EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. MC CONE
MAINTAINS CURRENT CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE.

MC CONE RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT

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IN HIGH POSITION OF TRUST IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

MC CONE SUGGESTED OTHER CURRENT MEMBERS OF CIA AS CLOSE
ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE.

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9:33 PM NITEL 1/3/73 JWH

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM BALTIMORE (161-3448) RUC

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

MR. *from [unclear]*
MARTIN
ROOM 1216

RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, 1/2/73 AND
ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU 1/2/73.

(S) ON 1/3/73 [REDACTED] REHOBATH
BEACH, DELAWARE, RETIRED CIA EMPLOYEE, ADVISED HE HAS
BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS SINCE
APPROXIMATELY 1944. DURING 1951 AND 52 HE WORKED UNDER
APPOINTEE'S SUPERVISION AT CIA HEADQUARTERS, WDC. FROM
1952 TO AUGUST 1969 WHEN HE RETIRED, HE HAD LITTLE OR NO
PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE APPOINTEE DUE TO THE APPOINTEE'S
ADVANCEMENT IN THE ORGANIZATION.

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(S) [REDACTED] COMMENTED MOST FAVORABLY REGARDING APPOINTEE'S
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND REPUTATION.
HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST
AND CONFIDENCE.

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ON 1/3/73, RONALD DONOVAN, CITY MANAGER, LEWES, DELAWARE, ADVISED RECORDS OF THAT OFFICE REFLECTED THAT RICHARD AND [REDACTED] HELMS, 4701 WILLARD AVENUE, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND ARE THE OWNERS OF LOT THREE AND ONE HALF OF LOT TWO, BLOCK 13 (1303 WEST CEDAR STREET) LEWES, DELAWARE. THIS PROPERTY WITH IMPROVEMENTS, A HOUSE, IS ACCESSED AT \$6,675.

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DONOVAN COMMENTED THAT THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN AN AREA OF SUMMER HOMES, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UNOCCUPIED.

DONOVAN AND CHIEF OF POLICE, LOUIS FISHER, LEWES, DELAWARE BOTH STATED THAT THEY WERE ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE AS A PROPERTY OWNER AND FREQUENT SUMMER VISITOR TO LEWES AND CONSIDERED HIM AN EXCELLENT SUBSTANTIAL MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

FISHER ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE HAD NO ARREST RECORD WITH THAT DEPARTMENT.

ON 1/3/73, [REDACTED] DEL-MAR-MA CREDIT BUREAU, SALISBURY, MARYLAND, WHOSE OFFICE COVERS LEWES, DELAWARE, ADVISED HE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY CREDIT RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE IN THE FILES OF THAT BUREAU.

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BALTIMORE INDICES CONTAIN NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
OTHER THAN THAT SET OUT IN BALTIMORE REPORT OF SA FRANCIS
J. WALSH DATED 3/2/53.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW YORK 161-4292 1P RUC

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPI, BUDED 1/2/73

REFERENCE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE, 1/2/73, AND NEW YORK
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/3/73.

[REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION,
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW
YORK (SDNY), FOLEY SQUARE, NY, NY, ADVISED 1/3/73 [REDACTED]

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NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED, UACB.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (161-1910) 1P

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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RE ALEXANDRIA TELEPHONE CALL TO NEWARK, 1/4/73.

LOCAL CITY DIRECTORY SHOWS HERMAN H. HELMS, WIFE MARION,
RESIDED 295 TILLOU ROAD, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ FROM EARLY
1930'S TO UNTIL 1957. 1959 DIRECTORY LISTS MARION HELMS, WIDOW
OF HERMAN HELMS, AS A RESIDENT AT 75 PROSPECT STREET, EAST
ORANGE, NJ.

[REDACTED], 75 PROSPECT STREET, ADVISED
MARION HELMS, WHO IS THE WIDOW HERMAN HELMS, HAS RESIDED AT
THAT ADDRESS SINCE 1958 OR 1959. SHE HAS A GOOD REPUTATION.

DATE OF DEATH FOR HERMAN H. HELMS NOT LOCATED IN NEW YORK
TIMES INDEX. NO RECORD OF MARION HELMS, EAST ORANGE, NJ, POLICE
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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (161-1910) (RUC)

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS SPI.

MR. MARTIN
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RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 1/4/73.

[REDACTED] SOUTH ORANGE, NJPD, ADVISED
TODAY APPOINTEE'S BROTHER, GATES MC GARRAH HELMS, WHOM SHE
KNOWS PERSONALLY, RESIDES AT 38 GLENSIDE RD., SOUTH ORANGE, NJ.
SHE SAID HE IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. SHE STATED HE HAS NO
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Date: 1/4/73

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-8661) (P)

RICHARD MC GARRAN HELMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED PAST

Re Bureau teletype to WFO and Alexandria dated 12/26/72;
Bureau airtel to WFO dated 12/27/72; Alexandria nitel to Bureau
and WFO dated 12/29/72; Alexandria teletype to Los Angeles,
Baltimore, Miami and WFO dated 1/2/73; Alexandria teletype to
Bureau, Baltimore, New York and WFO dated 1/2/73; and Alexandria
teletype to Bureau, Boston and WFO dated 1/2/73.

LEADSWASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. (1) INS re appointee's []

[] outstanding.

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b7C(2) WFO will contact appointee's ex-wife, JULIA
BRETZMAN, 3901 Fessenden Street, N.W.(3) WFO will contact the following associates: ELLIOT
RICHARDSON, HEW; WALTER PFORZHEIMER, Watergate Apartments;
SHERMAN KENT, 2824 Chain Bridge Road, N.W.; WILLIAM GAUD, 4926
Rockwood Parkway, N.W.; JOHN GARDNER, Common Cause, 2100 M
Street, N.W.; [] N.W.b1 per CIA
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White House Office (WHO)

The following investigation at WHO was conducted by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS on January 2, 1973.

The files of the Personnel Office, WHO, contain no record for the appointee, RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS.

The files of the Records Office, WHO, contain the following information concerning the appointee:

4/14/65	Nominated
4/22/65	Confirmed
6/28/65	Commission dated Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency
6/20/66	Nominated
6/28/66	Confirmed
6/29/66	Commission dated Director, Central Intelligence Agency

[redacted] President's Foreign Intelligence Advisor Board (PFIAB), advised he has known the appointee approximately six years on a professional level in connection with HELMS position at Central Intelligence Agency, and his, [redacted] former position with

[redacted] For the past three years their professional contact has been exceptionally close due to [redacted] position with PFIAB. His social contact with HELMS has been very limited.

[redacted] described the appointee as a highly intelligent, capable, competent and industrious person. HELMS enjoys an excellent professional reputation. [redacted] further described the appointee as a completely honest, reliable, and responsible individual. HELMS is a stable, level-headed, moral person, whose personal habits are above reproach. There is no question of HELMS loyalty to the United States, and [redacted] favorably recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On 1/3/73 [] Presidential
Appointment Staff, Office of the Deputy of Personnel for
Career Counseling and Assignments, Department of State advised
SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that RICHARD M. HELMS is presently
under consideration for a diplomatic assignment requiring
Senate confirmation but he has not yet entered on duty in
this capacity.

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Virginia Senators

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR., on 1/3/73:

Senator HARRY F. BYRD, JR., advised he has known the appointee, RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, since the late 1940's as a personal friend. He describes his career within the Central Intelligence Agency to be distinguished and marked by the highest level of public service. He has been in his company on numerous occasions at various social functions in Washington, D.C. and abroad. He also, as a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, observed the appointee furnish testimony before the Committee concerning international political affairs. He considers him a forthright, intelligent, and thoughtful man. He has no question concerning his sense of patriotism and duty to his country. His personal and professional integrity are above reproach. He recommends him to any post to which President NIXON may care to appoint him.

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On 1/4/73, WILLIAM TYLER, Director Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, 1703 32nd Street, N.W., advised as follows:

TYLER said he had known the appointee since 1950. At that time he, TYLER, was a Foreign Service Officer at the United States Embassy in Paris. He was Counselor of the Embassy for Cultural Affairs. He met the appointee in 1950 professionally by way of an intelligence gathering operation he was involved in. This acquaintance lasted about three years. TYLER then met HELMS again in the early 60's when he, TYLER, was Assistant Secretary of State. TYLER advised he still sees HELMS and his wife occasionally socially. TYLER described the appointee as being one of a small handful of the most outstanding public servants. He said the appointee has no political ambitions and maintains the highest of professional and personal standards. He said the appointee is completely clean living. He is dedicated, never drinks to excess, and in fact he has never heard of any character weakness on the part of the appointee at all. TYLER advised he has never heard of anything that the appointee had ever done to be ashamed of. TYLER said the appointee is eminently fitted to hold office in any capacity and requires the utmost in ability and trust. TYLER said he has held the appointee in the highest regard for the last twenty years and repeated that he was one of a handful. He said the appointee was free of character defect as humanly possible. TYLER said the appointee would make a good Ambassador and added that the appointee's present wife would be a valuable asset in this regard.

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On 1/4/73, [redacted] Street, N.W., b1 per CIA
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[redacted] said he had been with CIA since 1947 and was a senior intelligence officer. He said he had never known HELMS

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socially and only knew him by way of HELMS being his boss. [redacted]

advised that the appointee was unquestionable professionally as an intelligence officer and a very superior individual in this

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regard. [redacted] advised he respected the appointee's professional

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ability, his integrity, and his fairness towards people. [redacted]

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added that the appointee, in spite of being fair, was a tough guy

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with little sentiment and all business. [redacted] said no one in b1 per CIA

CIA could or did criticize the appointee's professional qualifications as an intelligence man. He said everyone in the office

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was happy when HELMS was appointed Director of CIA. [redacted]

reiterated that he did not know anything of the appointee's personal life.

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On 1/3/73, Mr. RAY S. CLINE, Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that he had first known RICHARD M. HELMS casually as a co-worker in the Office of Strategic Services during 1943 and 1944. From 1950 to 1969 they worked together at the Central Intelligence Agency and from 1962 to 1965 they were the two senior operating officers of CIA. HELMS supervised CLINE directly for a period of about one year from 1965-66. CLINE has continued to see the appointee frequently on a professional basis since 1969 when CLINE left CIA and they have occasional social contacts.

CLINE stated that he has no question concerning the appointee's loyalty to the United States, commenting that "If there is any question here, we all have a problem in the United States." He indicated that appointee's character, habits, morals and integrity are of the highest type, to the best of his knowledge, and he has never known HELMS to drink to excess nor to conduct himself in an improper or immoral manner. CLINE mentioned that the appointee is quiet, reserved and keeps his opinions to himself. He remarked that appointee's personal and professional reputation is very good and his associations are above reproach.

CLINE reported that HELMS was divorced from his first wife several years ago and married a woman who had four children by a previous marriage. He emphasized that he has no personal knowledge of the details of appointee's divorce and remarriage. CLINE commented that both appointee's first wife and his present wife are very charming ladies.

CLINE recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government, adding that he is a very intelligent, security-conscious, discreet and reliable individual and "one of the most competent men in the intelligence community". He mentioned that he and HELMS have had occasional disagreements regarding official matters over the years, but they were concerning matters over which reasonable men could differ and CLINE added that "I'm not at all sure that I was always right".

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On January 4, 1973 Mr. WILLIAM P. ROGERS, Secretary of State advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that he has known RICHARD M. HELMS well in a professional capacity for the past four years, and casually for some years before that. He has also seen him occasionally on a social basis. Secretary ROGERS stated that he considers the appointee to be a loyal and dedicated U.S. citizen, commenting that "If there is any question regarding HELMS' loyalty we're all in a lot of trouble." He added that appointee's character, reputation and associations are very good, to the best of his knowledge, and he recommended HELMS for a position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government. Secretary ROGERS added that the appointee is a capable, hard working, discreet and dependable individual.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on 12/29/72, that the files contained no credit rating for the appointee.

On 12/29/72, SC ALFRED MILLER determined that the following record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee:

RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS
3901 Fessenden Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

2220220 W M 170 3/30/13
2/28/64 BRN 6-1 BRN

Also Maryland A123139

<u>Date</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Violation or Other Action</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Points This Violation</u>
11/3/56	54568-T	Speed 38/25	EF1507	3
4/5/57	574-8	Pass stop sign	EF5	2
4/6/57		105 H. Bradley Lane, S.C., Maryland		
5/25/57	876-8	Change lanes without caution	EF\$25	3
8/15/57		Snsp 15 days		8
8/19/57		Served & appealed		
12/2/57		Hearing warning		
12/10/68		Renewed permit		
11/19/71		Renewed permit		

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The files contained no record for [REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On 12/29/72, SC [REDACTED] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the appointee or the close relatives mentioned above.

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On 1/3/73, SC [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department and was advised that no identifiable record could be located regarding appointee or the close relatives mentioned above.

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On 1/2/73, SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the House Committee on Internal Security and was advised that the following record was found concerning the appointee:

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HELMS, RICHARD MC GARRAH

Director of Central Intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency. Life story told in article. PHOTO.

New York Times 6/29/66 c-33
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HELMS, RICHARD

Witness, June 2, 1961, in public hearings before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, pp. 1-115.

Hearings entitled "Communist Forgeries" held June 2, 1961, pp. 1-115.
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Assistant Director,
Central Intelligence Agency

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On 1/2/73, SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised that no derogatory information was found concerning the appointee.

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On 1/2/73, SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee:

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Committee on Grievances, U.S. District Court
for the District of Columbia (USDCDC)

Lawyers Register, USDCDC

Supreme Court of the United States

District of Columbia Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

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The following investigation concerning the appointee's divorce from JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was done on 1/3/72, by SC .

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The Superior Court for the District of Columbia
Family Division number D 2062-68

JULIA B. HELMS Plaintiff
3901 Fessenden Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

vs

RICHARD M. HELMS Defendant
6100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland

On 7/10/68, plaintiff filed a complaint for an Absolute Divorce (one year voluntary separation).

The parties were married on 9/8/39, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and have one adult child of this relationship, age 26, (in 1968).

On 7/12/68, case entitled was uncontested as to all issues.

On 8/29/68, it was adjudged that the plaintiff be granted an absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation for more than one year.

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TO;

ACTING DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM:

BOSTON (161-32 1)

RICHARD MC CARRAH HELMS, SPI. BUDED JANUARY TWO PAST.

REFERENCE ALEXANDRIA TEL TO BOSTON JANUARY
TWO LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT SKOWHEGAN, MAINE REVEALS
THAT FORMER U.S. SENATOR MARGARET CHASE SMITH HAS NOT
YET RETURNED TO SKOWHEGAN, MAINE, AND HER WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT WFO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW HER THROUGH HER RESIDENCE OR OFFICE
AT WDC.

A STOP HAS BEEN PLACED AT SKOWHEGAN, MAINE,
IN THE EVENT SHE DOES RETURN THERE.
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Date: 1/4/73

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P)

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re Bureau teletype, 12/26/72.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER:

A review of the CIA Security File of the appointee
was conducted by Mr. HOWARD J. OSBORN, Director, Office of
Security, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, on 1/2/73, in the presence
of SA RUDIGER and Mr. OSBORN advised that [REDACTED]

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Lieutenant General VERNON WALTERS, USA, Deputy
Director, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he
first met RICHARD HELMS approximately three years ago when the
appointee was visiting Paris during the time he, General
WALTERS, was on military assignment there. According to
General WALTERS he has gotten to know Mr. HELMS well only
during the past year or since his own appointment as the
Deputy Director of CIA. General WALTERS said that during this

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comparatively short period of time he has developed a genuine respect and admiration of Mr. HELMS as a scrupulous, conscientious and devoted Government official whose honesty in dealing with Government funds has proven him to be a man of the highest integrity. General WALTERS stated that there can be no doubt that the appointee is one of the country's loyalest Americans and a person whose associates reflect the high stature of the man himself. General WALTERS added that he is not well acquainted with [redacted] having met her only on several occasions, and is not aware of any adverse information concerning her. He concluded by stating that he would readily recommend RICHARD HELMS without qualification for the highest position with the Government regardless of what that position may be.

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Mr. HOWARD J. OSBORN, Director, Office of Security, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he has been acquainted with the appointee since 1950. Mr. OSBORN said his acquaintance, for the most part, has been on a professional level, however, on several occasions during large social gatherings he did meet Mr. HELMS' first wife, JULIA, from whom he is divorced, and [redacted] who is presently an attorney practicing in the New York City area. Mr. OSBORN indicated that he knew of none of the personal details surrounding the appointee's divorce from his first wife, however, he did state that to his knowledge there has never been any question regarding the character, loyalty or associates of Mr. HELMS' family. Mr. OSBORN advised that he has also met the appointee's [redacted] whom he considers to be a fine person and of whom he has nothing but the highest regard. According to Mr. OSBORN, RICHARD HELMS is one of the outstanding public servants in American Government today. He stated that in all of the years he has known the appointee there has never been even one occasion where he would have any doubt as to Mr. HELMS' devotion and loyalty to the United States Government, his integrity and unblemished reputation among his fellow Americans and his contacts with only the highest type of associates.

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Mr. OSBORN added that he would proudly recommend RICHARD HELMS for any position of trust with the Government.

Mr. CORD MEYER, Assistant Deputy Director of Plans, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he has known RICHARD HELMS since 1951 mainly on a professional level but also has had a social relationship over the years. Mr. MEYER advised that he knew the appointee's former wife, JULIA, from whom Mr. HELMS is divorced, and the appointee's

[redacted] who Mr. MEYER believes is a practicing attorney in New York City. Mr. MEYER was unable to comment on the reasons for or furnish any details regarding the events leading up to the HELMS' divorce. According to MEYER, he is also acquainted with [redacted]

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[redacted] whom he described as a fine person and noted that he knew of nothing that would reflect adversely on the character, loyalty or associates of any member of the appointee's family.

Mr. MEYER knew the appointee as a temperate, highly professional and able Government official who is extremely aware of his responsibilities as a loyal American. Mr. MEYER stated that he had the highest respect for the appointee's intelligence and integrity and noted that Mr. HELMS was well known for his excellent reputation and choice of associates. Mr. CORD MEYER recommended the appointee for continued employment in a position of trust with the United States Government.

[redacted]
CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that he has known the appointee professionally for about six years. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was not personally acquainted with the appointee's family, however, he had met Mr. HELMS' [redacted]

[redacted] and he was aware that the appointee had [redacted] [redacted] who was an attorney. According to [redacted] there

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was no doubt in his mind that the appointee was a trusted, respected Government official whose character, loyalty and associates were of the highest order. He stated he would readily recommend the appointee without qualification for continued employment in a position of trust with the Government.

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(S) Mrs. [] Chief, Reports and Requirements Staff, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, advised on 1/2/73, that she has known and worked closely with the appointee since 1957 or 1958. [] stated that she has met [] however, she is not acquainted with the appointee's family and never knew Mr. HELMS' first wife. [] advised that she considered the appointee to be one of the most dedicated public servants in the Government today. She praised Mr. HELMS' dedication and integrity and said he is a man of honor whose loyalty and associates are above reproach. [] stated that she would unequivocally consider the appointee well suited to handle any position of trust and confidence with the Government and would readily recommend as such.

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(S) Mr. [] Assistant Chief, Reports and Requirements Staff, CIA, Mc Lean, Virginia, stated that he has known RICHARD HELMS and dealt with him on a professional basis since 1960. Mr. [] said he did not know the former Mrs. HELMS, however, he did meet the appointee's present wife on at least one occasion during a social function.

(S) Mr. [] advised that there is no more dedicated Government official than Mr. HELMS. He stated that he has personally dealt with the appointee over the years on some very delicate and sensitive problems and on each and every occasion he feels the appointee made difficult decisions which were always in the best interests of the United States Government.

(S) According to Mr. [] the appointee is one of only a very few individuals he has come into contact with in over 20 years of Government service who has gained his complete respect. Mr. [] related that there is no question in his mind that the appointee is an outstanding American whose character, loyalty and associates are above suspicion.

(S) Mr. [] highly recommended the appointee for any position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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ARREST RECORD CHECK

SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department

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and was advised on 1/3/73, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED
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MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1246

RE ALBANY TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, 1/5/73.

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TODAY AT
COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK.

[REDACTED] BASSETT HOSPITAL,
STATED DR. CLINTON V. Z. HAWN IS A PATHOLOGIST AT THAT
HOSPITAL. HAWN'S WIFE WAS FORMERLY ELIZABETH HELMS, DATE
OF BIRTH 12/27/21, AT SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY. THE HAWN
FAMILY HAS FOUR CHILDREN AND HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS AT 90
LAKE STREET, COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK, FOR 20 YEARS OR
LONGER. HE SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF THE FAMILY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], OTSEGO COUNTY, COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK, HAS
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KNOWN THE HAWN FAMILY AND CHILDREN FOR MANY YEARS AND
CONSIDERS FAMILY WITH HIGHEST DEGREE OF REPUTATION IN
THE COMMUNITY. ARREST CHECKS NEGATIVE ON ALL FAMILY
MEMBERS.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

RE AX TELCALL TO BA, JANUARY FIVE INSTANT.

DOCTOR LOUIS TORDELLA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, FORT MEAD, MARYLAND, CONTACTED JANUARY FIVE INSTANT. DOCTOR TORDELLA ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN HELMS PROFESSIONALLY THROUGH U.S. GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS AND HAS HAD FREQUENT CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACT, PAST FIFTEEN YEARS. DOCTOR TORDELLA ADVISED HELMS DISPLAYES EXTREMELY GOOD JUDGEMENT, COMMON SENSE, IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES. DOCTOR TORDELLA ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE HELMS AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) -P-

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re WFO airtel, 1/4/73.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
EDWARD C. RUDIGER:

The files of CIA were caused to be reviewed on
1/4/73, relative to the appointee's [redacted]

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On 1/4/73, Mr. JOHN M. MAURY, Legislative
Counsel, CIA, McLean, Va., advised that he has known
RICHARD HELMS both professionally and socially since
1947. Mr. MAURY stated that between [redacted] he was
(S) under the appointee's direct supervision and he also
socialized with Mr. HELMS and his former wife, JULIA,
during this period.

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Mr. MAURY stated that between [redacted]
(S) he was personally stationed in [redacted] and once during
(S) this period the appointee, his former wife, JULIA, and
[redacted] visited them at this duty station on a
vacation trip. Mr. MAURY related that he has seen the
appointee and [redacted] a good deal
since 1968 and that he actually has known [redacted]

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since 1955 but he could give no details regarding the appointee's divorce. According to Mr. MAURY, the appointee's father has been deceased for six or seven years and his mother presently lives in East Orange, New Jersey. He has two brothers and one sister; the one brother, GATES HELMS, lives in South Orange, New Jersey, and the other brother, PEARSALL HELMS, lives in Geneva, Switzerland, where he is employed by the Tradex Corporation. Mr. MAURY said the appointee's sister, ELIZABETH HAHN, nee HELMS, is married to a doctor, and currently resides in Cooperstown, New York. Although he is not personally acquainted with these members of the appointee's family, Mr. MAURY said he knows of no unfavorable information concerning them.

Mr. MAURY said he would give the highest recommendation possible to Mr. HELMS, his former wife, JULIA, [redacted] as to character, loyalty, and associates. Mr. MAURY advised that the appointee is a truly dedicated and devoted official of the U. S. Government and he feels he would be well suited for any high position in the Government.

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On 1/4/73, Mr. LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON, General Counsel, CIA, McLean, Va., advised that he has been acquainted with RICHARD HELMS since approximately 1947. Mr. HOUSTON said he also was acquainted with the former Mrs. HELMS, the divorced wife of the appointee, and knew Mr. HELMS' [redacted] whom he last saw about a year ago at which time [redacted]

Mr. HOUSTON related that he has also socialized with the appointee and [redacted] and has found her to be a fine individual who, along with [redacted] and former wife, JULIA, has never exhibited any tendencies which would cause him to doubt their character, loyalty, or associates. Mr. HOUSTON stated that he could furnish no details of Mr. HELMS' divorce from his first wife. Mr. HOUSTON further stated that during his long association with the

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appointee, he has found him to be one of the outstanding public servants in the Government today whose loyalty, integrity and choice of associates are above reproach. He added that he would be proud to recommend Mr. HELMS for any high Government post.

Mr. WILLIAM COLBY, Executive Director, CIA, McLean, Va., advised on 1/4/73, that he has been associated with RICHARD HELMS since 1962 on a professional basis almost entirely. Mr. COLBY stated that he knows that the appointee's first wife, JULIA, whom he said still resides in the family home at 3901 Fessenden St., N.W., Washington, D. C.; however, he is not actually acquainted with her nor does he know the appointee's son. He said that he has met [redacted]

[redacted]; however, he is not really acquainted with her. According to Mr. COLBY, there is no doubt that the appointee will serve his Government as loyally in any future position of trust as he has during his tenure with CIA. He stated that he is a man of unquestioned honesty, integrity, and good judgment in selection of his friends and associates. He recommended him highly for any position to which he may be appointed in the United States Government.

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Mr. THOMAS KARAMESSINES, Deputy Director of Plans, CIA, McLean, Va., advised on 1/4/73, that he has known the appointee since 1948, almost entirely on a professional level. Mr. KARAMESSINES stated that he had met and knew the appointee's divorced wife, JULIA, and also met his [redacted] on several occasions; however, he did not feel that he actually knew the appointee's family well. Mr. KARAMESSINES said he would place the appointee among the most outstanding men he has ever had the pleasure to work with and would go on record as saying there could be no doubt as to his character, loyalty, or associates. Mr. KARAMESSINES gave Mr. HELMS his unqualified recommendation for any position of trust and confidence for which he may be chosen.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia:

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On 1/4/73, [redacted] advised he first met the appointee in mid fifties. [redacted] was [redacted] and in addition he

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served on [REDACTED]

Thus, [REDACTED] maintained contact with the appointee all through the appointee's rise within CIA; namely, from an employee to Deputy Director and finally the Director of CIA. In 1/69, [REDACTED] assumed his current duties and thereafter had more regular contact with the appointee. He is an outstanding American and nothing derogatory is known as his character, reputation, morals, and integrity are excellent. The appointee is recommended for any position of trust and confidence in the U. S. Government including that of an Ambassador, and he will also put the country's interests first.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM LAS VEGAS (161-264) 1P

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS; SPI(00: BUREAU).

ON 1-4-73 , [REDACTED] WASHOE

DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, RENO, NEVADA, ADVISED THAT IN CASE
NUMBER [REDACTED] IN DEPARTMENT 3, DISTRICT JUDGE JOHN E.
GABRIELLI, ON 3-26-68, GRANTED DIVORCE TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - PLAINTIFF FROM [REDACTED] -
DEFENDANT ON GRANTS OF IMCOMPATIBILITY. NO DEROGATORY
INFORMATION IN CASE. LOCAL NEWSPAPER MORGUE NEGATIVE.
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FROM: BOSTON (161-3251) RUC

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS; SPIN; BUDED 1-2-73

REBTEL TO BUREAU AND WFO, 1-4-73.

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RECONTACTED THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT HER FRIEND AND
FORMER U.S. SENATOR, MARGARET CHASE SMITH, HAS NOT
RETURNED TO HER HOME IN SKOWHEGAN AND IS PRESUMED TO
BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

BOSTON CONDUCTING NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION, UACB.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-8661)(P)
RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS
SPIN
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Re WFO airtel to Bureau dated 1/9/72

LEADWASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: Will contact further associates.
CSC, INS re spouse, AEC-SY outstanding.

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United States Senate

The following investigation was conducted by
SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN on January 5, 1973.

United States Senator JOHN C. STENNIS, Mississippi and Chairman, Armed Services Committee, advised he has known the appointee for the past twenty years and considers him to be a person of very high integrity who is capable, intelligent, possesses great administrative ability, gets along very well with others and is highly regarded by his associates. He commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates and reputation recommending him for a position of trust and confidence.

United States Senator JOHN SPARKMAN, Alabama and ranking majority member, Foreign Relations Committee, advised he has known the appointee for the past fifteen years. The appointee has frequently appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee and he believes the appointee to be a very capable, sincere, intelligent and trustworthy person. He makes a very good appearance, gets along well with others and he commented favorably regarding his character, loyalty, associates and reputation. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] to
United States Senator CLIFFORD P. CASE, New Jersey, advised the Senator is unavailable and she is authorized to speak for him regarding the appointee. The Senator is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee. He has known the appointee for several years professionally. He thinks highly of the appointee and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD T. TAYLOR, JR. on January 4, 1973:

Senator STROM THURMOND (South Carolina) advised he has known the appointee, RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, since the mid 1960s when he was appointed Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He has had close professional contact with him since that time, particularly on those occasions when the appointee appeared before the Senate Committee on Armed Services of which Senator THURMOND is a ranking member. He considers the appointee's recent service as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to have been a credit to the appointee's professional integrity and to his government. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

Senator MIKE MANSFIELD (Montana), Majority Leader of the Senate, advised he has known the appointee since approximately 1965 as a competent and able administrator. He considers him forthright and practical in his approach to foreign policy. He is aware he is presently under consideration for nomination to an ambassadorial post. He recommends him to any position to which President NIXON may care to appoint him. He has no question concerning his patriotism, morals, reputation or choice of associates.

Senator WILLIAM L. SCOTT (Virginia) advised he has had no close personal contact with the appointee and does not choose to comment concerning him in view of the fact that the appointee is not a constituent of the Senator. He concluded by saying he knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee.

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Senator J. GLENN BEALL, JR. (Maryland) advised his knowledge of the appointee is limited to his awareness of appointee's good public reputation as an Administrator and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He knows of no unfavorable information concerning his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He interposes no objection to his selection for a high Federal post.

Senator CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, JR. (Maryland) advised he has no personal knowledge of the appointee. He said he knows of no information which would cause him to question his character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He will interpose no objection to his selection for a high Federal post.

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REPRESENTATIVE

On 1/4/73, United States Representative JAMES ROBERT MANN, South Carolina, advised SA MAURICE G. AUSTIN he has only known the appointee casually for the past three years, having only had occasional official contact with him when the appointee officially appeared before Congress. He stated he considers the appointee to be a very competent, honest, straightforward, and sincere person. Based on his knowledge of the appointee he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence and he did not know of anything of a derogatory nature regarding his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

On January 5, 1973 Mr. U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that he had known RICHARD M. HELMS casually during the 1950's in a professional capacity when they had some contacts regarding matters of mutual professional interest. Since 1961, when JOHNSON became Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs at the Department of State, he has had close and continuing professional contacts with HELMS. They have also had occasional social contacts over the years. JOHNSON mentioned that he has worked very closely with the appointee on matters of the highest sensitivity and security. He reported that he has no question whatever concerning appointee's loyalty to the U.S., adding that he is a dedicated and discreet professional in the intelligence field. JOHNSON indicated that the appointee's character, integrity, reputation and associations are of the highest type, to the best of his knowledge and he recommended HELMS "very highly" for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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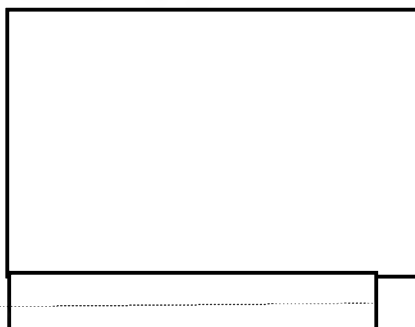
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The following have been mentioned as close
personal associates of the appointee during interviews of
personal associates:



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All at CIA, Langley, Virginia.

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ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

AT LANGLEY, VIRGINIA; Interview for comments
concerning appointee.

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- 2 - Alexandria (161-1886)
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (RUC)

RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS
SPI
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re Alexandria airtel 1/5/73.

ASSOCIATES

On 1/9/73, Mr. GEORGE G. KISEVALTER, 1415 Julia Avenue, McLean, Virginia, advised SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER that he is a retired CIA Intelligence Officer who was acquainted with RICHARD HELMS for a period of some twenty years. Mr. KISEVALTER stated he first met the appointee in 1952 and had a close professional relationship with him over the years. He related that he did not know the appointee's family and had no knowledge concerning them. According to Mr. KISEVALTER, Mr. HELMS was in his mind an outstanding American whose intelligence and devotion to duty was unequalled among public servants. He stated there could be no question in his mind relative to the character, loyalty, or associates of RICHARD HELMS, and he would unhesitatingly recommend him for any high Government post to which he may be appointed. (2)

The following investigation was conducted by SA
[redacted] at Arlington, Virginia:

On 1/8/73, [redacted]

[redacted] advised he used to be employed at the

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Livermore Laboratory and as such in 1963, came to know the appointee, who was employed by the CIA. In 1965, [] assumed his current position and still maintained contact with the appointee. Nothing derogatory is known as his character, reputation, morals, and integrity are "first class". He is an extremely dedicated, loyal, great American who is recommended highly for a position of trust and confidence in the U.S. Government.

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AGENCY CHECK

SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Naval Investigative Service (NIS) Headquarters and was advised on 1/9/73 that the files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (161-1886) (P)
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS
SPI
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re Alexandria telcalls to Philadelphia and WFO,
1/9/73.

For information of Philadelphia, Bureau has been requested to conduct investigation of HELMS, born 3/30/13, St. Davids, Pa., who is presently Director of the CIA, for Presidential Appointment, position not stated.

Appointee presently married [redacted]
[redacted] and has the following [redacted]

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WFO and Philadelphia conduct appropriate investigation.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

ALEXANDRIA

FROM PHILADELPHIA (161-2000) (RUC) 1P

MR. MARTIN
ROOM 1546

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELM; SPIN; BUDED JANUARY 2, 1973.

RE ALEXANDRIA TELEPHONE CALL TO PHILADELPHIA,

1-9-73.

ON 1-9-73, SEARCH OF FILES OF PHILADELPHIA POLICE

DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL RECORDS SECTION, FAILED TO DISCLOSE

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS
SPI
BUDED: 1/2/73

Re WFO airtel to the Bureau, 1/9/73.

Alexandria not contemplating interview of individuals set forth in re airtel as investigation at CIA has been completed. Due to the urgent nature of the investigation stressed at CIA, UACB, it is not felt that further contact would facilitate future inquiries.

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RICHARD MC GARRAH ~~HELM~~S

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. HELMS COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

This summary memorandum covers the period since March, 1953. Mr. Helms was born on March 30, 1913, in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania.

Employment

Since March of 1953, Mr. Helms has continued to be employed by the Central Intelligence Agency in various capacities including Administrative Officer and Department Head. On April 22, 1965, Mr. Helms was confirmed by the United States Senate as Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency. The United States Senate, on June 28, 1966, confirmed Mr. Helms as Director, Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Helms continues to serve in the position of Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

Marital Status and Residence

Mr. Helms and [redacted], reside at 4701 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and maintain a summer residence at 1303 West Cedar Street, Lewes, Delaware. Mr. Helms was married to Julia Bretzman Helms on September 8, 1939, in Indianapolis, Indiana. One child, [redacted] was born of this marriage. The records, Superior Court for the District of Columbia, Family Division, Washington, D. C., indicate Julia B. Helms, plaintiff, filed for divorce on July 10, 1968, charging voluntary separation on the part of the defendant. The defendant was listed as Richard M. Helms, Chevy Chase, Maryland. On August 29, 1968, judgment was found for Julia B. Helms for absolute divorce on the grounds of voluntary separation for more than one year.

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Richard McGarrah Helms

Mrs. Julia Bretzman Helms, 3901 Fessenden Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised that she was formerly married to Mr. Helms and one child, [REDACTED] was born of this marriage. She met Mr. Helms in Indianapolis, Indiana, in about 1937, where he was employed by a local newspaper. She indicated that they were divorced in 1968, based on the grounds of voluntary separation for more than one year. She said that she and Mr. Helms have numerous friends in Iran, where she has been told Mr. Helms is to assume a position as a representative of this Government. She was of the opinion Mr. Helms might find the transition from Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to that of an ambassador to be a difficult one. She explained that Mr. Helms, at the Central Intelligence Agency, wields a lot of power over thousands of people, and as an ambassador would only be acting in a representative-type capacity and supervising a comparatively small number of employees.

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Mrs. Helms stated that Mr. Helms will perform well as an ambassador. She described Mr. Helms as a complete patriot and as one who is extremely capable and very highly qualified in dealing with people. She described him as being a very strong person and one who is extremely intelligent. She knows him to be a convincing and persuasive person and would recommend him for appointment to a position of trust with the Federal Government.

Interviews

Howard J. Osborn, Director, Office of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, McLean, Virginia, advised that he has been acquainted with Mr. Helms since 1950. He said his acquaintance has been on a professional level. However, on several occasions he has attended social gatherings with Mr. Helms and his first wife, Julia. He indicated that he knew none of the personal details surrounding Mr. Helms's divorce from his first wife. However, to his knowledge, there has never been any question regarding the character, loyalty, or associates of Mr. Helms's family. He indicated that he has

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met Mr. Helms's [] whom he considers to be a fine person and for whom he has the highest regard. According to Mr. Osborn, Richard Helms is one of the most outstanding public servants in the American Government today.

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Mr. Osborn stated that in all of the years he has known Mr. Helms he has always been impressed with Mr. Helms's devotion and loyalty to the United States Government, his integrity and unblemished reputation, and his contacts with the highest type of associates. He stated that he would strongly recommend Mr. Helms for any position of trust with the Government.

John A. McCone, Business Executive, Joshua Handy Corporation, Los Angeles, California, advised he has known Mr. Helms for the past fifteen years. He indicated that he was a former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Mr. Helms served under his supervision in numerous capacities including that of Deputy Director. He described him as an excellent senior member of the agency for a great number of years, and as one who commands the respect of the agency, members of Congress, and the current and prior administrations.

Mr. McCone described Mr. Helms as being very temperate in his habits and very particular concerning his professional and business associations, and totally responsible concerning security matters. He has the highest respect for his intelligence and integrity and considers Mr. Helms to be an individual of unquestioned reputation and loyalty. He recommended Mr. Helms for continued employment in a position of trust in the Federal Government service.

Harry F. Byrd, Jr., United States Senator from the State of Virginia, interviewed in Washington, D. C., stated he has known Mr. Helms since the late 1940's as a personal friend. He described Mr. Helms's career with the Central Intelligence Agency as distinguished and marked by the highest level of public service. He has been in his company on numerous occasions at various social functions in Washington, D. C., and abroad. He also, as a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, observed Mr. Helms furnish

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testimony before the committee concerning international political affairs. He considers Mr. Helms to be a forthright, intelligent, and thoughtful man. He has no question concerning his sense of patriotism and duty to his country. He stated that Mr. Helms's personal and professional integrity is above reproach and recommended him for any post to which President Richard M. Nixon would care to appoint him.

William Tyler, Director, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Helms since 1950, when he, Mr. Tyler, was a foreign service officer at the United States Embassy in Paris. Mr. Tyler said that he has continued since that time a professional and social association with Mr. Helms. He described Mr. Helms as being one of a small handful of the most outstanding public servants in this country, and added that Mr. Helms has no political ambitions and maintains the highest of professional and personal standards. He described Mr. Helms as a dedicated person of strong character, and considers him to be eminently qualified for any office in any capacity that requires the utmost in ability and trust.

Mr. Tyler described Mr. Helms as being free of any character defect and as a person who never indulges to excess in any activity in which he participates. He recommended Mr. Helms for an appointment to any position of trust with the Federal Government.

Ray S. Cline, Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, advised that he has known Mr. Helms since 1943, when they were both assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, and that they worked closely at the Central Intelligence Agency from 1950 until 1969. He indicated that he has no question concerning Mr. Helms's loyalty to the United States, commenting that "If there is any question here, we all have a problem in the United States." He indicated that his character, habits, morals, and integrity are beyond question, and he has never known Mr. Helms to conduct himself in an improper or immoral manner. He mentioned that Mr. Helms is quiet and reserved and keeps his opinions to himself. He indicated that his personal and professional reputation is very good and his associations are above reproach.

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Mr. Cline reported that Mr. Helms was divorced from his first wife several years ago and married [redacted], about four years ago. He indicated that he has no personal knowledge of the details concerning Mr. Helms's divorce and remarriage, but indicated that both Julia Helms and [redacted] are very charming ladies of unquestioned character. He recommended Mr. Helms for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government, adding that he is a very intelligent, security conscious, discreet, and reliable individual, and one of the most competent men in the intelligence community.

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J. Glenn Beall, Jr., United States Senator from the State of Maryland, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised his knowledge of Mr. Helms is limited to his awareness of his good public reputation as an administrator and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He said he knows of no unfavorable information concerning Mr. Helms's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He stated that he would interpose no objection to Mr. Helms's selection for a high Federal post.

Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., United States Senator from the State of Maryland, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has no personal knowledge of Mr. Helms and knows of no unfavorable information concerning his character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. Senator Mathias advised he interposes no objection to Mr. Helms's selection for a high Federal post.

Twenty-one additional persons, including social and professional associates and former Central Intelligence Agency employees, were interviewed. They furnished favorable comments concerning Mr. Helms's character, reputation, loyalty, morals, habits, ability, and associates. Persons well acquainted with Mr. Helms stated that he is a dependable, trustworthy, dedicated, and conscientious person. Those familiar with his work in the intelligence field stated he is very capable, has an extremely keen mind, and is doing an excellent job as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Helms was recommended for a position of trust and confidence. Persons acquainted with his close relatives stated to their knowledge they are reputable individuals whose loyalty to the United States is above question.

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Close Relatives

Mr. Helms's father, Herman Henry Adolf Helms, is deceased. In addition to his wife, previously mentioned, Mr. Helms has the following living close relatives:

Son



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Mother

Marion McGarrah Helms
East Orange, New Jersey

Brother

Rowland Pearsall Helms
Geneva, Switzerland

Brother

Gates McGarrah Helms
South Orange, New Jersey

Sister

Elizabeth Helms Hawn
Cooperstown, New York

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Helms.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no information concerning Mr. Helms or his close relatives with the exception of the following:

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., indicate that Mr. Helms had been cited on three occasions for traffic violations between November 3, 1956, and May 25, 1957, for which he forfeited from \$5 to \$25. Mr. Helms's driving permit was suspended for fifteen days on August 15, 1957, for

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accumulating eight points based upon the aforementioned traffic violations. The suspension was served on Mr. Helms and appealed on August 19, 1957. On December 2, 1957, the suspension was dismissed and Mr. Helms was given a warning. These records contain no additional information.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either (S) [redacted] concerning b1 per CIA b3

Mr. Helms:

House Committee on Internal Security;
Central Intelligence Agency; Defense
Central Index of Investigations,
Fort Holabird, Maryland; United States
Army Investigative Records Repository,
Fort Holabird, Maryland; United States
Secret Service; and The White House
Office.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Helms.

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Date: 1/12/73

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-8661)(P)
RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS
SPI
BUDED PAST

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 1/8/73.

Several attempts to contact the following listed associates of the appointee met with negative results:

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WALTER PFORZHEIMER,
MARGARET CHASE SMITH,
POTTER STEWART,
STUART SYMINGTON.

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No further attempts will be made UACB.

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Ex-Wife

On January 5, 1973, JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was contacted at her home, 3901 Fessenden Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., by SA [redacted] Mrs. HELMS advised that, as far as she knew, her ex-husband presently resided at 4701 Willard Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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Mrs. HELMS said that she did not see or talk to RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS any more. She felt that the new appointment would be a difficult reassignment in view of the appointee's life at CIA. She felt ^{however} that he would fit in well in Iran due to the close friends ^{he has} in high places. She advised that he knows the Shah personally along with other people in high places. She added ^{further} that she felt he would be qualified as far as knowing the people of Iran goes, ^{for he had made} ~~now~~ study of Iran ^{as} ~~between~~ a personal hobby. ~~in addition~~ She stated that the ^{Iranian} Government might wonder why the United States was sending a CIA man as Ambassador.

Mrs. HELMS advised that many of the friends her ex-husband had in Iran were also personal friends of hers. She said all of these people were aware of the situation between her and Mr. HELMS, and they would not admire him for it. Among her close friends is the mother of the [redacted]

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In connection with the divorce, Mrs. HELMS preferred not to go into any details but advised that her ex-husband has had several girl friends. She felt that, since he was approaching 60, he would be ^{cooling} ~~slowing~~ off, and, in any case, he would be extremely careful in his behavior as Ambassador. *She further advised there was no publicity in the separation and divorce proceedings or prior to the divorce*

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She advised the appointee was a complete patriot.

She advised that the appointee is close to KIM ROOSEVELT, who is ex CIA, and who is close to the Shah of Iran.

Mrs. HELMS advised the appointee loves power and must have it and she was not sure where he would turn for it now that he has lost his post at CIA.

Mrs. HELMS could see no reasons why the appointee would not work out as Ambassador to Iran apart from those given above.

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On January 5, 1973, JAMES HUNT, 3200 S Street, N.W., was contacted at his home. HUNT advised that he had previously worked for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and had known the appointee since about 1946. HUNT said the appointee was a man of the highest integrity who handles himself well. HUNT advised the appointee would be ideal for the position of Ambassador to Iran and would make a good ambassador. He said the appointee knows both how to give and take orders. He said the appointee was a good team man, was good with people, and had marvelous relations with Congress. He advised he felt Congress had more trust in HELMS than in, perhaps, many others. HUNT advised that the appointee was outstanding and that he had no question in his mind about the appointee in any way. HUNT said that the appointee's present wife would make a good ambassadors wife. HUNT said the appointee never over does it with alcohol and believed his social life never interfered with work. He said the appointee likes people, gets along well, and enjoys good company. HUNT reiterated that the appointee is a man of the highest caliber in every respect. HUNT advised he had never seen the slightest evidence that the appointee was a ladies man in any way, and said all his friends were completely surprised when he was divorced from his first wife in 1968. HUNT concluded that he knew of no reason why an ambassadorship would not work out for the appointee. He said the appointee was a delightful man, and he had no reservations about recommending him for any high position of trust and confidence.

On January 5, 1973, GORDON STEWART, 3111 Rolling Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland, was contacted at his home. STEWART advised that he was a retired ^{Inspector} General of the CIA. STEWART advised he first knew the appointee in OSS and that the appointee was his direct supervisor for eight years while he was in Germany after the war. He described the applicant as being very honest and a very capable man. He said the appointee works ^{without wasting himself} efficiently and gets a great deal done. He said the appointee has a keen understanding of people, but said that he was sometimes slow to arrive at decisions concerning people. He said the appointee was a good judge of information, understands "sourcing", and has a good understanding of the process of analysis of information. STEWART further described the appointee as being relatively sedate and one you would think of as self-controlled, solid, and level headed socially. STEWART advised he did not know the appointee

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socially outside of the CIA crowd, but knew that he was not running around with other women in the CIA crowd. STEWART advised the appointee was not the kind of man who went overseas and partied. He said he believed the appointee was the type who would fall in love with only one woman at a time. STEWART advised that the appointee knew people in Iran and felt he would do well as Ambassador to Iran. He said the appointee was a "heads up" type person who would run a good show. He said the appointee would stand for no monkey business and he believed would make a "hell of a good ambassador." He said the appointee "was smart as hell", a very solid character, who writes well and thinks clearly. He said the appointee was fair in his dealings with people and admired by all in the CIA.

On January 5, 1973, JOHN GARDNER, Director of Common Cause, 2100 M Street, N.W., was contacted at his office. GARDNER advised that he had known the appointee 29 years and said they were office mates at OSS. He said they are still friends and still see each other occasionally ~~both professionally and socially~~ socially. GARDNER advised he has the highest respect for the appointee. He said the appointee is ~~not~~ absolutely top caliber ~~name~~ public servant, and added that the appointee does his job the best way he knows how, through the ups and downs of politics. He said the appointee is a great credit to public service, a very honest man, and believed congressmen also found him to be so. He believed one would find a lot of respect for appointee on Capitol Hill. GARDNER said he had absolute confidence in the appointee's loyalty and advised that he knew of no habits or attributes that weaken the appointee as a person. He felt that appointee was quite a guy, not a woman chaser, and had extraordinary judgment and stability. He believed the appointee would do well as Ambassador to Iran and said he felt the appointee had the ^{instinctive} judgment necessary to do the job well.

On January 8, 1973, DAVID BRUCE, 1405, 35th Street, N.W., was contacted at his home. BRUCE advised he has known the appointee for thirty years, since they were together at OSS, and advised that he has seen the appointee frequently from time to time since. BRUCE advised he considers the appointee's professional ability very highly and said he was extremely competent, had impeccable character, was loyal, conscientious, intelligent, industrious, and honest. He said he believed the appointee to be admirably equipped to work loyally and efficiently in any position. He felt the appointee would make an ideal Ambassador to Iran. BRUCE advised he did not know the appointee's social habits, but said he had never heard of him drinking too much. BRUCE advised he felt the

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appointee was an excellent husband. He concluded by saying the
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On 1/12/73, SHERMAN KENT, 2824 Chain Bridge Road, N.W., advised he has known the appointee very well since 1943 when they were in OSS together. He said he has seen the appointee socially fairly regularly through the years since that time and considers him an old personal friend. KENT is also retired from the CIA. KENT advised that he has the highest respect for the appointee's judgment, good sense and skill as an administrator. KENT advised he has never had the slightest reason to question the appointee's loyalty or devotion to duty and country. KENT concluded by saying the appointee is at the top of the list for ability, trustworthiness, and honesty and said he had no adverse information concerning the appointee at all.

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On January 8, 1973, the following individuals were contacted by SA [redacted] at Washington, D. C.

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[redacted] Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State, advised as follows:

He has known the appointee for approximately ten years during which the appointee held the position as head of the CIA. His association was both personal and professional and did not include social contact. He knew of nothing adverse in regard to the appointees character, loyalty, associates, and reputation. [redacted] stated that he holds the appointee in high esteem and that he is well aware of the high quality of his work and of the amount of responsibility that he has held in the past.

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Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, JOSEPH J. SISCO, U. S. Department of State, advised as follows:

Mr. SISCO has known the appointee for more than twenty years professionally, socially, and personally. Appointee is of great integrity and professional competence. His character, loyalty, reputation and associates are above reproach. Mr. SISCO is aware of no bad habits of the appointee and has heard nothing derogatory concerning his social or professional life. Mr. SISCO advised he has the highest regard for RICHARD HELMS and that he would have no reservation whatsoever in recommending him for the position of Ambassador to Iran.

MARSHALL GREEN, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U. S. Department of State advised he has known the appointee for approximately ten years professionally and socially and has been closely associated with him for the past four years under the Nixon administration. He knows appointees [redacted] well and described her as a charming and very intelligent lady.

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He described the appointee as being of good character, completely trustworthy, confident, poised, of even temperament and of moderate habits.

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Mr. GREEN stated the employees character, loyalty, reputation and associates were above question and that he would certainly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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[] at Washington, D. C., on January 9, 1973.

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Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State, advised he has known the appointee for approximately twenty years and has been associated with him professionally since 1960, in connection with liaison with the Central Intelligence Agency. [] advised the appointee has always been on a slightly higher social level than himself and he therefore has not had the occasion to know him well socially. He described the appointee as being very capable, forthright and direct, of good character, and high moral standards. According to [] appointees reputation, loyalty, and associates are above reproach and he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

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Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State, advised he has known the appointee fairly well professionally, and socially for several years. He has been present at a number of U. S. Intelligence Boards over which the appointee has presided. He is described as being one of the top people in government and one of the most able.

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[] has had no occasion to meet the appointees family. [] stated the appointees character, loyalty, reputation and associates are unquestionable, and he would recommend him highly for a position of trust with the government.

A. SIDNEY BUFORD, Director, Office of Intelligence Liaison, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U. S. Department of State advised he knew the appointee when the appointee was serving in the U. S. Navy as an Ensign during World War II in the early 1940's. He has followed the appointees progress in the government service during the years and still on occasion meets and talks with him. He commented that "there is no question as to his loyalty since for a number of years he has held down a vastly important job involving national security", Mr. BUFORD advised he also knows some of the appointees subordinates and peers and that the appointee is held in high esteem by them. Mr. BUFORD commented favorably concerning the appointees character, reputation, and associates. He stated he would recommend him without reservation for a position of great trust with the government.

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[redacted] to Mr. ELLIOT E. RICHARDSON, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS on January 9, 1973, that Secretary RICHARDSON had been unavailable for interview but had authorized her to make the following statements for him: b6 b7C

He first met Mr. RICHARD M. HELMS, when he, Mr. RICHARDSON, became Under Secretary of the Department of State around 1969. Mr. HELMS and Mr. RICHARDSON attended many National Security Council meetings while Mr. RICHARDSON was serving at the Department of State. Mr. RICHARDSON has had occasional professional contact with him since then. Meanwhile, Mr. RICHARDSON and his wife have seen Mr. HELMS and his wife on many social occasions in WDC.

Mr. HELMS is a man of high intelligence, "cool judgment and firmness of character." He is cooperative without being "flabby" and enlists great loyalty among his subordinates. He is a skillful administrator.

His character and reputation are excellent. He is not only "unimpeachably loyal" to his country but he has served his country with great skill and dedication. There have been no indications to Mr. RICHARDSON that Mr. HELMS has any objectionable habits.

Mr. RICHARDSON indicated he would give Mr. HELMS his highest recommendation for a position of responsibility and trust with the United States Government.

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VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE

On January 10, 1973, [redacted]
Irene Apartments, 4701 Willard Avenue, N.W., Chevy Chase,
Maryland, advised that the appointee has resided at Irene
Apartments from March 1, 1969 until present, together with
his wife.

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On January 10, 1973, [redacted] of
1315 30th Street, N.W., advised that [redacted]
[redacted] resided in Apartment [redacted] of this address.

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On January 10, 1973, [redacted]
[redacted], advised that [redacted] lived next
to it at [redacted] together with his new wife and son.

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On January 11, 1973, [redacted]
[redacted], advised that she roomed with [redacted]
and several other girls at this address. She advised that
she and [redacted] worked together at [redacted].

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POLICE AGENCIES

On January 11, 1973, ALFRED MILLER determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning [REDACTED]
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It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentifiable records are out of file and not available for review.

On January 11, 1973 SC [REDACTED] searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable record could be found concerning the persons mentioned above.

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MISCELLANEOUS

On January 8, 1973, SA [] determined that the following record concerning the appointee was contained in the Personnel Section Files, Division of Security, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Germantown, Maryland.

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Security file WA-67749 disclosed that:

April 10, 1953

U.S. Atomic Energy Commission,
Washington, granted a "Q"
clearance to RICHARD MC GARRAH
HELMS for CIA.

The "Q" clearance is still
active.

The file contained no additional pertinent
information.

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On January 10, 1973, SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on January 10, 1973, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Auger

January 19, 1973

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 10, 1973, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation concerning Mr. Richard McGarrah Helms. Transmitted herewith is a memorandum which supplements the information previously furnished you, a copy of which is also being furnished to the Department of State.

Information has been received indicating a check of the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

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ON 1/22/73
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RETURN TO MR. AUGER, ROOM 7636.

January 19, 1973

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS

The information contained in this memorandum supplements the information contained in the summary memorandum dated January 9, 1973. Mr. Helms was born on March 30, 1913, in Saint Davids, Pennsylvania.

Interviews

John C. Stennis, United States Senator from Mississippi and Chairman, Armed Services Committee, advised in Washington, D. C., he has been acquainted with Mr. Helms for the past twenty years. He commented favorably regarding Mr. Helms's character, reputation, and loyalty. He said Mr. Helms is a very sincere person and there is no question concerning his ability or his integrity. He recommended Mr. Helms for a responsible Federal position.

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John J. Sparkman, United States Senator from Alabama and Ranking Majority Member, Foreign Relations Committee, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Helms for over fifteen years. He said he considers Mr. Helms a conscientious, able, and loyal person whose integrity is above question. He furnished favorable comments regarding Mr. Helms's character, reputation, and associates, and he recommended Mr. Helms for a responsible Government position.

Twenty-two additional professional associates of Mr. Helms's were interviewed and they commented favorably regarding his character, reputation, loyalty, and associates. They stated they consider him a very able person and feel there is no question regarding his integrity. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Richard McGarrah Helms

Close Relatives

In addition to those previously mentioned in the memorandum dated January 9, 1973, Mr. Helms has the following close relatives:

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Stepdaughter

Stepdaughter



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Security Clearance

Mr. Helms was granted a "Q" clearance in April, 1953, by the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. This clearance is currently active.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, indicating its files contain no record concerning Mr. Helms.

The Naval Investigative Service, Naval Intelligence Command, has advised its files contain no pertinent identifiable information concerning Mr. Helms.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no information concerning the additional relatives mentioned previously.

1 - Mrs. Mutter
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Auger

January 19, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

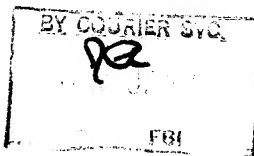
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On January 26, 1973, at the District Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D.C. SC [] reviewed the naturalization record pertaining to [] which revealed she was born [].

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No other pertinent information appeared in instant record.

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February 1, 1973

BY COURIER SERVICE

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to my letters dated January 10, 1973, and January 19, 1973, which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Mr. Richard McGarrah Helms.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has advised that

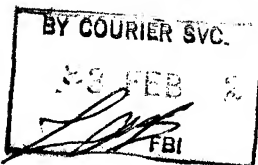
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The foregoing information is also being furnished to The White House. This concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III
L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director



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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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FROM: *W* Legat, Tel Aviv (66-73)SUBJECT: ~~ADVERSE~~ ARTICLE APPEARING IN
AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER REGARDING
AN FBI INVESTIGATION IN THE U.S.

Richard H.

The January 22, 1973, edition of "Yediot Ahranot," a daily Hebrew-language newspaper published in Israel, contained an article which is translated into English, a copy of which is enclosed.

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FEDERAL AGENTS INVESTIGATED INTELLIGENCE CHIEF

by YEDIOT New York corr.

THESE LAST FEW WEEKS, FBI AGENTS HAVE KEPT UP A CLOSE SURVEILLANCE OF A MAN WHO HAS JUST BEEN GIVEN A Foreign Service appointment. When it was learned, end last week, who the man whom the FBI had been investigating was, the Americans did not know whether to laugh or to cry; for the man in the case was Richard Helms, who has just been appointed Ambassador to Iran but is better known from his former job: Head of the CIA -- a job in which, no need to say, he had to be completely 'clean' securitywise and in fact above suspicion. But for the FBI that does not seem to count, and they decided to investigate Helms like any junior official who joins the American Foreign Service.

Of course, the Helms investigation had Washington in an uproar. When FBI agents contacted Helms friends and started asking questions about his character and personality, they thought it was a poor joke. Some of his friends threw the ball back by telling the investigators that he was a security risk. Every word they said was written down, as seriously as could be, in the appropriate forms.

Said Helms' wife Cynthia to the press: "I can imagine what my husband's file looks like.. he wouldn't be made dig-catcher in Alaska on it."

Meanwhile, the security check on the former CIA Chief has become something of a scandal in Washington. Many claim that it is one more proof that the FBI "goes into every field of the citizen's private life." If the subject of the investigation is the former CIA chief, the whole affair blows up in the investigators' face; but

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-- people say -- how about less important or less famous people when anything anybody says against them goes down in black and white in the FIB file and may be held against them until judgment day?

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Honorable Richard Helms
4701 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

Dear Dick: HELMs

I appreciate deeply your very warm note of February 12th, and I just want you to know how much each of us in the FBI enjoyed the luncheon and the opportunity to express to you our heartfelt thanks for your confidence and friendship over the years.

I thought you might like to have the enclosed autographed photo taken at the luncheon, as a remembrance of a fine occasion.

My associates join me in sending to you our warmest good wishes for continued success in the future.

With my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Enclosure -- Photo taken in AGs Conf. Room,
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Bad Week

For Barbar Howar it's been a tough week.

All the publicity over her "garage sale" and her troubles with the Washingtonian magazine over her memoirs apparently attracted the attention of a house-breaker.

She was awakened at 7 a.m. on Tuesday by a loud noise. A burglar who had forced a side window made off with her wallet, containing \$56 and a check for \$6,000.

Strong Serve

Playing tennis in Los Angeles over the Super Bowl weekend, CBS commentator Walter Cronkite waited confidently for his opponent's first serve.

The ball shot across the net and thudded into Cronkite's clavicle. No bones were broken, but Cronkite has new respect for Ethel Kennedy's game.

"I don't know why I was so surprised at how strong she is," he said afterwards. "I just forgot she plays like a Kennedy."

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Tehran a Logical Post for Helms

It was probably not a merry Christmas for the Americanologists in the Kremlin who were kept at their desks by their masters' demand to know why President Nixon is sending his intelligence chief, Richard Helms, to be ambassador to Iran.

Intelligence is the nerve center of the Soviet system and the White House move will inevitably put the comrades into a spin. Their conjectures on Helms' reassignment are certain to be laced with conspiratorial intrigues and suspicions that Nixon has dark plans for deeper meddling near the under-belly of the Soviet Union.

The Muscovites would intelligently brush aside most of White House press secretary Ron Ziegler's explanation that Helms had asked to retire as CIA director because he was near his agency's retirement age of 60. Helms is a man who keeps fit with daily stints on an indoor track at the CIA and he is lean, healthy and young - minded enough to qualify easily for an exemption to stay at his job.

The Soviet experts also would be correct in brushing aside published speculation that Helms fell out of favor or disappointed the President with the quality of his performance as the government's chief intelligence officer. He has not always told the administration what it wanted to hear but his record of discretion—in the men he sent abroad, in his intelligence assessments and in his

with Congress — is widely judged to have been remarkably solid.

Possibly his greatest feat has been to hold the confidence and credibility of Congress through a period in which the executive branch was faced with deep mistrust on foreign policy. It also was a time when the CIA's chief defenders on the Hill, domineering men like Sen. Richard Russell, D-Ga., and Rep. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., were passing from the scene.

Actually the agency gained respect in a period when it easily might have fallen victim to the popular mood because Helms held tautly to his professional role. Once he persuaded skeptics that he was not a man who would play partisan games, he was able to head off those senators who were bent on shrinking the CIA's cloak so they could have a better look at what was going on.

Ironically, the events which led to Helms' replacement were launched many months ago by James Schlesinger, the Rand analyst who has agreed, reportedly with great reluctance, to take Helms' job. As the Budget Bureau specialist on defense, Schlesinger was asked to study how the government's intelligence needs could be accomplished more economically.

This is not a small problem for a pinched government. Intelligence costs run about \$3.5 billion a year and the upward pressures on that spending level grow more intense as inflation bites into

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the dollar. Schlesinger's study ~~concluded~~ that the director of central intelligence would have to reach out beyond his agency to perform budget surgery in the overlapping areas of Pentagon intelligence.

Helms was handed this task with an unreassuring fanfare at the White House. He declined to move his office into the Budget Bureau and held as closely as he could to his old activities as an intelligence officer. This was rational prudence because an abrupt move to chop the Pentagon's intelligence budget would stir many enemies and perhaps shatter the working alliance he had forged on the Hill. Some believe he decided to postpone any strong moves until the elections were over.

But the President, pinched by fiscal pressures, came to an impatient conclusion that the job will have to be done by a non-career man who will play the bull in the china shop more cheerfully. He turned to Schlesinger who is tough, savvy and disposed to seek his future outside of government, perhaps as a university head. He is taking a role that promises to be as bruising as any in government.

Very well, the Russians will say, but why Iran? The fact is there are few significant nations to which an ex-CIA director, even with Helms' charm, could go as ambassador without stirring mass protests. Iran is one and the Shah, reportedly delighted to draw an envoy who is close to the President, will be certain to insure that Helms is well received.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

RICHARD HELMS

Captioned individual, also known as Richard Mc Garrah Helms, who you advised was born March 30, 1913, in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, was the subject of applicant-type investigations by the FBI in 1947-1948, 1953 and 1973. There is attached one copy each of 23 reports, two summary memoranda and one FBI letter, which contain the results of these investigations.

(161-9233) (116-371389) (118-2978)

Helms was one of the subjects in a limited civil rights investigation by the FBI in 1975, at the request of the Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Rights Division. This investigation involved the surreptitious entry of the Roland Studios in Fairfax, Virginia on February 20, 1971, reportedly by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). At this time, Helms was the Director of the CIA. The results were furnished to the DOJ, who subsequently declined prosecution of all the individuals involved.

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The central files of the FBI, and the records of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures (26)

NOTE: Per request from Mr. Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President, at the White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONED 2/26/82

February 26, 1982

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING

SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Summary
Subject's Name

Richard McGowan Helms
HELMS, RICHARD (SS# 317-01-6292)

Date of Birth March 30, 1913 Place of Birth St. Davids, Penna.

Present Address 4649 Garfield Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20007

We request: _____ Copy of Previous Report

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_____ Name Check

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The person named above is being considered for:

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Subject RICHARD HELMSBirthdate & Place 3-30-13 ST. DAVIDS, PA.Address Cherry Chase, Md.SS# 317-01-6292

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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Captioned individual, who you advised was born March 30, 1913, in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, and holds Social Security Number 317-01-6292, was the subject of applicant-type investigations by the FBI in 1947-1948, 1953 and 1973, copies of which were furnished to your Security Office on a White House name check request in March, 1982.

(161-9233)

In addition, one other reference was identified to Helms which is extremely sensitive in nature. This information will be submitted to Mr. Fred F. Fielding, via separate channels.

(58-11102-X)

The central files at FBI Headquarters, the records of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with the captioned individual based upon the background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request from Mr. Fred F. Fielding, Counsel to the President, at the White House. This answer was coordinated with SA [redacted] Criminal Investigative Division. Reference to Helms is 58-11102X, which is a sensitive bribery case being conducted by the FBI. SA [redacted] advised he discussed the above matter with Assistant Director Revell, who stated this is an extremely sensitive matter and that notification would be made to Fielding, by a representative from the Criminal Investigative Division.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1983

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

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PLEASE EXPEDITE

NOTE: We do have copies of the reports of
1947-48; 1953 and 1973.

In response to your request
there is attached memorandum
~~facts~~ which may relate
to the subject of your inquiry.

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